

The E-Matt



A weekly glimpse of God's People, God's Work
at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Lisbon Maine

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Week of Feb. 22, 2009

St. Matt's movie night draws a crowd for pizza, popcorn & a great flick



Close to 50 people enjoyed free screening of "Fireproof" in the main sanctuary on Saturday, Feb 21 as St. Matt's continued its tradition of a third Saturday night movie. Pizza and popcorn were also available for a donation.

The children watched "Madagascar II" in a Sunday School classroom.

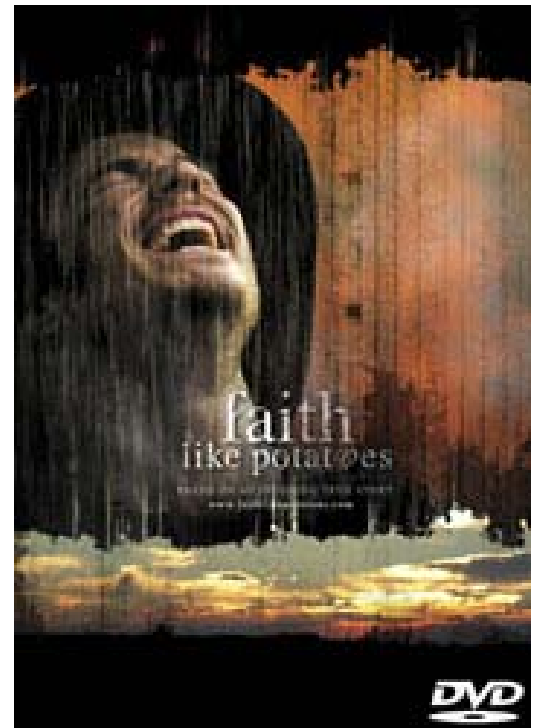
Kevin views these events as evangelism to the community and another avenue for parish fellowship.

Invite a friend and join Kevin on Saturday, March 21 at St. Matthew's for a screening of "Faith Like Potatoes" with pizza at 5:30 pm followed by the movie at 6 pm.

Kevin Plourde, the St. Matt's Movie Night and Coffee House Committee Chair, has been organizing these events for over three years.

"Faith Like Potatoes" is the story of Angus Buchan, a Zambian farmer of Scottish heritage, who leaves his farm in the midst of political unrest to start a better life in South Africa.

Based on the inspiring book by Buchan, the movie weaves together the moving life journey of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith, unseen until the harvest. Angus' manic quest for material success is slowly transformed into a wild love for God and people, as he wrestles with faith, hope, natural disasters and tragic personal loss.



Spend Lent with Max

Deb Calhoun checks out *3:16 The Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado which will be the next discussion book for St. Matthew's Intersection Book Club beginning Thursday, March 5 at 7 pm.

Weekly discussions continue every Thursday through Easter week. Everyone is invited to see how best selling Christian author Max Lucado engages what is often called the most memorized Bible verse: John 3:16.

Lucado's signature story telling style gives him the ability make Christian writing accessible to the greater public. In 2005, *Reader's Digest* magazine named him "The Best Preacher in America."

In addition, Lucado has been featured on The Fox News Channel, NBC Nightly News, Larry King Live, and *USA Today*. He has written more than 50 books with 28 million copies in print.



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LACO tops missions and outreach survey



Bob Couture, St. Matt's junior warden and Lisbon Area Christian outreach (LACO) rep from the parish, holds the Sunday, Feb. 22 food donations for that program. Bob attends the LACO Board meeting held on the second Tuesday morning of the month.

Results of a recent Missions & Outreach Committee survey showed that LACO was St. Matthew's top outreach priority along with other local ministries (Trinity Jubilee Center and the Lewiston Root Cellar).

There was also significant interest shown in the overseas missions of Dottie and Paul Lacy in China, and the One Story Bible translation project (working along with the Lacy's). The Mudges in Peru and Father's Heart Ministries with the Steins in Slovakia were also selected by some parishioners. St. Matthew's donations to the various ministries this year will be approximately 70% to local outreach and 30% to overseas missions.

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, founded in 1906, is a vibrant growing congregation that brings together the four main threads of Anglican tradition: Anglo Catholic worship, evangelical preaching, charismatic expression and caring in action.